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Eagle Base Pharmacy Committed to excellence

by **Lt. Col. Laura Ward**
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The Eagle Base Pharmacy not only services your prescription needs, it can help you with your over-the-counter self-mediations too. Army policy allows establishment of self-care programs utilizing non-prescription medications.

The program must define which OTC medications are included and the quantities that can be dispensed. Therefore, not all medications that can be purchased without a prescription are included on the self-care list.

The self-care program allows soldiers to get OTC medications at no personal cost to treat symptoms of minor ailments. The pharmacist will assist you in selecting the best available product to treat your symptoms.

Medications are included to treat coughs and colds, sore throats, allergies and congestion, pain and swelling, indigestion, constipation, diarrhea, fungal infections, minor rashes, and sunburn prevention.

All medications received



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through the self-care program will be entered into the soldier's medication profile. Any specific OTC medication may only be obtained once per month. If you are in need of additional medication, the pharmacist will refer you to a physician for evaluation. The self-care program does not replace sick call or physician visits. In fact, the pharmacist may advise against self-treatment and refer you to a physician based on your symptoms.

Eagle Base Pharmacy is also committed to providing quality prescription and drug information services to all eligible soldiers and civilians. When your

prescription is filled, we will assure that you know how to take your medication, why you are taking it, whether you should avoid other medications or foods while taking the medication, what side effects that you can expect, and things you can do to minimize side effects.

We will also tell you if there are reactions that could occur to the medication that would require stopping the medication and seeing the doctor.

If you have questions about any prescription medication you are already taking, you may make an appointment with the pharmacist by calling 762-0220.

Lieutenant Colonel Laura Ward and Master Sgt. Luis Figueroa staff Eagle Base Pharmacy, with assistance from Master Sgt. Clifford Larrieu. All three soldiers are members of the 6250th U.S. Army Hospital, a reserve unit based out of Tacoma, Wash.

Pharmacy hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to noon Saturday. The pharmacy is closed on Sundays. Emergency service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We take a lot of photos during our routine work week, but only a small number make it into the Talon. To see other photos, go to www.tfeagle.army.mil/tfetalon and click on the Web gallery.



About the covers: Front: Command Sgt. Maj. David Wright, left, and Col. Tom Johnson lead the July 4th brigade run held on Eagle Base. The run started a weekend of activities and events celebrating Independence Day. by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson. Back: A bird's-eye view of the beginning of the brigade run. by Sgt. Guy D. Choate.



Finnish continue community rehabilitations

by Nedima Hadziibrisevic
Media Specialist

The Finnish Civil Military Affairs Coy (Company) recently completed another of its numerous infrastructure rehabilitation projects throughout the Multinational Brigade (North) area of responsibility.

The project, which was partially funded by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, improved a water supply system throughout the homes of citizens in the village of Jakes. The village is located in the Vukosavlje municipality northeast of the larger, neighboring town of Modrica. It is made up mostly of returning displaced persons, or refugees.

The original water system in the predominately Bosniak village was destroyed during the 1992-95 Bosnia and Herzegovina war.

"Practically, from the initiation of the return process and until the beginning of the water supply system renovation project, returnees did not have water," said Mirsad Bahic, deputy mayor of Vukosavlje municipality.

The project commenced a



by Sgt. Guy D. Choate

Nirso Bahic, deputy mayor of Vukosavlje, stands with Finnish Army Lt. Col. Kari Kilpelainen, after a brief ceremony acknowledging the completion of the installation of the town's new water pump, which was donated by the Finnish CIMIC.

year ago when the European Union donated money for the first phase of the project, which cost about 45,000 Euros. The first phase included connection of 120 houses to the water system in Jakes, and dismantling and servicing the old pump sta-

tion through minor repairs.

However, when the project was originally completed, some of the houses still did not have adequate water pressure. This was because part of the community is positioned on a slightly hilly area and the inef-

ficiency of the existing pump station.

"There was not enough pressure on the highest point of this pipeline," said Capt. Eero Mykkanen, Finnish CIMIC Coy's project manager.

"The plan was that we'd have to build a new pump station in a certain part of the pipeline. The Modrica Water Company made those plans and FINCON donated the pump station."

The second phase of the project began in February and was finished by the end of March, with an ending cost of 15,000 Euros.

The construction works were performed by the Hidroinzenjering Company from Derventa.

Capt. Jarmo Vilo, the CIMIC Coy's executive officer, said that usually in the CIMIC they cannot promise anything but if they do they will keep their word.

That is what happened in Jakes.

"When we promised to reconstruct the water system we did just that. (And) right now people in Jakes are happy."



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

Enjoying the day



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

(Left) Maj. K. Mason Smalley, from Georgetown, Del., enjoys a table for one during the July 4 barbecue on Minue Park. (Above) Spc. Linda Haynes, a resident of Ellicott City, Md., wears a tiara and a patient look as she awaits her turn to talk to former NASCAR champion Bobby Allison and the visiting Miller Lite Girls during the day's activities.

MNB (North) celeb

**Story and photos
by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy**
Managing Editor

Eagle Base celebrated America's independence with a variety of games, good food and fun in Minue Park and throughout the base. The celebration began July 4 with a one-mile brigade run led by Deputy Commander Col. Thomas Johnson and Command Sgt. Maj. David Wright; a medley of activities followed, along with a mouth-watering barbecue and an energized concert at Triggers by the Los Angeles-based band, *Off the Wall*.

The activities and music continued through the weekend, culminating in an awards presentation for the first, second and third place winners in each of the sporting events held on base.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation planned the sporting activities for the weekend, and couldn't have done a better job, said Johnson.

"The MWR staff did a fantastic job in providing the

events for our soldiers throughout the course of the weekend," he said. "I had a chance to visit some of the events and there was a level of enthusiasm throughout the weekend, up to the time the soldiers went up to receive their awards. There was an excitement in the air, not only for the awards but also for each other.

"Although the soldiers helped run the events, they did an excellent job in pulling together and making sure the mission here on Eagle Base continued."

MWR Chief Marcus Wheeler agreed the festivities were a success, even with intermittent weekend showers.

"We anticipated the rain and had a backup plan to move certain events indoors, so it didn't really affect us or the whole intent behind the games," Wheeler said, adding that it was really the soldiers' enthusiasm that made the weekend fun.

"If we could celebrate July Fourth every six months we'd like to do it with SFOR 13," he said.



Heave – Spc. Eugene Flores, (Left, front) , from Texas City, Texas, competes in tug of war against Lance Cpl. Karen M. [unclear] soldiers from the Danish Contingent July 4 in Minue Park.



Spc. Richard Tuskiewicz, a resident of Salina, Kan., tries his hand at ring toss during July 4 games on Minue Park.



(Left, front) Spc. Daniella Newton, from Falls Church, Va., watches as Norton, Kan.-resident Spc. Melissa Herren (right) takes a break from lunch to mug for the camera.

brates 4th of July



exas, and other soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation
Brogger (Right, front), a resident of Naestved, Denmark, and



Slovenian soldiers from the Slovenia Coy (Company) of the Portuguese 1st Battalion Infantry Paratroopers, take cover from the rain July 4. The Portuguese battalion is based on Camp Dunnevrk in Dobo.



his luck at ring



Former NASCAR champion Bobby Allison and Maj. Kirk Slaughter, from David City, Neb., take a break from conversing to smile for the camera.



Staff Sgt. Brian Smith, from Meridan, Kan., takes a plunge in the dunking booth tank.



Holiday spirit— Lt. Col. Joao Lopes, from Alfeizerao, Portugal, and Maj. Kyle Ferlemann, Topeka, Kan., celebrate America's Independence Day.

Snapshots

Photos capture July 4th at Triggers



Encore – Michelle Velasco, a singer for the Los Angeles band, *Off the Wall*, performs another memorable melody for appreciative Eagle Base soldiers July 4 at Triggers.

by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy



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Soldiers like what they hear during the solo opening act for the band, *Off the Wall*, at Triggers July 4. The guitarist, Staff Sgt. Richard Jackson, from Leavenworth, Kan., also fronts the Eagle Base band, *UXO*.



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

(Right) First Lt. Sal Giove, from Grand Junction, Colo., watches the musicians perform July 4.

(Right) Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kevin Purtee, from Houston, Texas, and CW3 Dan Youngerman, a resident of Austin, Texas, busy themselves playing foosball before *Off the Wall*'s performance at Triggers July 4.



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

Careful aim



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Thomas Arnhold, a resident from Hutchinson, Kan., prepares to drive a golf ball during the July 6 "Closest to the Pin" competition on Eagle Base.

Bullseye



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

Spc. Moises Cantu, of El Campo, Texas, enjoys a game of darts during July 4 activities in Minue Park.

Conley: Legion's here for soldiers, families

by Sgt. 1st Class
Ronald D. Covington
343rd MPAD

This holiday weekend was full of activities, food, and visits from a former NASCAR champion, stars of television ads and officials of the American Legion.

The American Legion national commander, Ronald Conley, national sergeant-at-arms, Michael Murphy, and department commander of France, Nola Maloney, visited Eagle Base July 4. They were visiting members of the American Legion and the military throughout Europe.

"We are here to simply let the soldiers know that the American Legion is available to support soldiers and their families abroad and back home," said Conley.

The group enjoyed lunch at Minue Park, and then toured Eagle Base. After a briefing by Deputy Commander Col. Tom Johnson, they visited soldiers in the White House. A visit to the softball field was next. Photo requests were abundant as several SFOR 13 soldiers who are American Legion members wanted their photo taken with the national commander.

"Anytime anyone is put in harm's way for our country, whether it is the National Guard, reserve or active-duty military, they need to know that the American Legion is there," said Conley.

"The National Guard and the reserve are becoming a greater part of the total force in the military today. The government is relying more and more on them to be a part of the active force, and there has to be people back home supporting them."

"'Still serving America' is the motto of the American Legion," explained Maloney, who also serves as the director of community activities for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation in Rotterdam, Holland. "Though we are no longer in uniform, we still serve in the capacity of helping our active duty and activated comrades."

The American Legion is made up of men and women that have served in one of the American armed services, and decided to go on continuing volunteering their experience and time to their communities, country and the families of soldiers, including deployed reservists.

"The military has many avenues of support for the military families, but these can be limited in remote areas where many reservists and Guardsmen are from," said Conley. "The American Legion meets many of these special needs."

"Reservists and Guardsmen are leaving homes, jobs and families; many are living under reduced salaries and sometimes this is the first time they have been deployed. The American Legion is available for those families when they get into a bind," he said.



by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

American Legion national commander Ronald Conley, left, talks to Staff Sgt. Peter Ferrell, of Waterbury Center, Vt., during a July 4 softball game on Eagle Base.

